

BURDETTE'S PHILOSOPHY.

AUTUMNAL PROCESSIONS.
With about and din and noise and roar, like waves that beat up on the shore, with noise and roar and about and din, like angry breakers tumbling in, with pattering rush of many feet, I see the crowd come down the street; above the tumult on the stones I hear the maddened farmer's groans; in the shrill accents of despair, it seems to me I hear him swear; I cannot see the farmer man, his wagon or his patient span; I only hear the rising noise, and see the surging throng of boys; this is the way the boys of town escort the apple wagon down.

A SOVEREIGN.
A young man, with the breezy air and the pure, fresh odors of lawn and hillside about his vernal figure, came to town Friday morning, and, growing weary about noon, chased a vagrant circus van three-quarters of a mile before he caught it, and then the door was locked and he couldn't get in. He braced up, turned the handle of the door, and found it locked. He might see it, and said that the proud and haughty, the pampered darlings of fortune, the princes and kings and the mighty ones of earth might ride in the street cars if their groveling souls wished it, but for him, he was free born and would walk the earth erect as one who trod his own domain and paid tribute to no man, he, ha, ha, and so saying, he wrapped the doorway of the sidewalk about him and lay down to dreamless dreams.

CONFESS YOUR LAWS.
Tommy is starting to school; at the door, seeing him off, his mamma: "Now, Tommy, don't loiter on the way; don't play with the Bennecker boys; don't loiter after school; don't play rough games; don't whisper in school; don't take off your overcoat in the room; don't play running games and get overheat; don't sit with George Gunter; don't play with Henry Turfboy; mind and don't go out at recess, stay in and read your book; don't let the other boys wear your hat; don't—don't—don't—Tommy fades away around the corner, where Henry Turfboy, George Gunter and the Bennecker are waiting for him; as they chase off down the street after a flying fire engine Tommy remarks: "It's a good thing for the children of Israel that mother wasn't Moses; they'd never got off with ten commandments." Moral: Don't give your boy more orders than you can remember.

SEEK FROGE HIM.
Yesterday afternoon a well dressed man came out of a large dry goods store who was instantly taken in charge by the police. He was trembling violently, evidently suffering from a heavy chill; his lips were pinched and blue and his countenance livid; his teeth chattered so that he could not talk; he was hurried to the station and applications of hot blankets and other hot things thawed him out presently until he could tell how it happened. He had called a saleslady a shop girl. Fortunately he had presence of mind to run out of the store before she could give him a second look, else had it been good by, John—R. J. Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle.

Didn't Affect the Bread.

Landlady (complainingly)—Flour is going up, Mr. Bloggers.
Star Boarder (dropping a heavy biscuit with a dull thud)—So I understand; but your bread doesn't seem to rise correspondingly. Mrs. Hashley.—Washington Critic.

A Thrilling Tale.
Modjeska is writing a story. It is a love story. The heroine's name is Grisel-davitch Toppelwackhitzky and the hero's Vladimir Tschetzarotsh. The scene is laid in the quiet little Polish village of Stritupitvich, on the banks of the classic river Muddioschky, in the region of the Kotzebatskielozky mountains. We extract a passage from advance sheets: "Within her wan hands she had her face concealed, when to her Vladimir asked if she truly loved him. 'Yes, I do love thee; by yonder pale moon I swear it.' 'Let us, then, said he, 'see.' But she hesitated by reason of her trunk, which were still un-packed. The tears wandered from her eyes, but meanwhile Vladimir repeated what for she would not be coming pretty soon, not having been aware of the gash the words of him made on the inside of her heart."—Troy Times.

Fixed Him.
Miss Horter (who is extremely sensitive)—If you care anything for my feelings, I wish you would go over and ask that low bred man to stop staring at me.
Mr. Lechart.—Why didn't you speak of it before? I'll teach the dastard a lesson! (Marches bravely over.) Good evening, Mr. Shears; I've had some trouble making collections, but I'll settle that little account early next week. Fine evening, isn't it? (Comes back.) I think the forward won't trouble you again, Miss Horter.—Time.

Harmony in the Party.
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His Voice.
He (who has just left the piano)—How do you like my voice, Miss Race?
Miss Race (Cincinnati)—Your voice! Oh! it's certainly a howling success, Mr. Keys.—Tuscan Biftings.

A CHAPTER ON EARS.

People Who Were Punished Long Ago by Having Their Ears Removed.

Any mutilation of the ear which involved the loss of a portion or all of it has always been a mark of disgrace. In one of the statutes of Edward VI the penalty affixed for its violation is the "loss of an ear and perpetual infamy." In those days the celluloid ear had not been invented and the loss of one of these members was a public badge of shame for life.

Following the retributive law of Moses, probably the punishment originated in the ecclesiastical courts. It is first mentioned in the trial of offenses against the church and some of the earliest clericals were noted men. The sentence to the pillory frequently had the additional punishment of the loss of one or both ears added. Daniel Foe, or Foe, later in life known as Daniel Defoe, wrote a pamphlet called "The Shortest Way with the Dissenters," and lost his ears. Pope, in his "Dunciad," speaks of the author of "Robinson Crusoe": "Earless on high stood unabashed Defoe."

He was placed in the pillory three times. That instrument being on a raised platform explains the line. In Defoe's case, however, as in many others, his punishment was rather a martyrdom, and lifted him in the esteem of those who believed as he did.

Dr. Bastwick, who published more pamphlets than pills, concludes one of his essays with: "From plague, pestilence and famine, from bishops, priests and deacons, good Lord deliver us." This was so serious an affront that the doctor was sentenced to the pillory and to lose both his ears. The execution of his sentence was a sort of public fete. His friends gathered before the pillory and his wife climbed upon the pillory and kissed him. When his ears were cut off, she put them in a clean handkerchief and carried them home. The celebrated Prynne suffered a similar punishment.

The names of lesser criminals have escaped the permanent records, but Blackstone mentions a number of early English parliamentary enactments making the loss of an ear a penalty in law. Fighting in a church or churchyard by acts passed during the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Edward VI meant the loss of both ears. If the prisoner had no ears—which implies that there were habitual criminals 350 years ago—he was to be branded with the letter F in the cheek. In the second and third year of the same monarch combinations among victualers and artificers to raise the price of provisions or the rate of labor for the third offense was punished by the pillory and the loss of an ear. The statute not only extended to the combinations to raise wages, but to regulate the quantity of work or to lessen the hours of labor. In this degenerate age the trusts and other combines, with the different labor unions, if these laws were enforced, would give the public executioner active employment.

In later years the loss of an ear or part of one has also been regarded as implying disgrace. The ear is not easily lost. Any accident that destroys the ear usually destroys the person wearing it. One of the favorite ways of mutilating an enemy in a rough and tumble fight is to bite off his ear. In disputable brawls and in low resorts brute instinct makes ear mutilation a fit revenge for almost any wrong. Jack Slade, the notorious desperado, in a fit of rage, is said to have cut off the ears of a man he had murdered. He kept them in his pocket and boastfully exhibited them when in a drunken and dangerous mood. When he saw on the poker table a stake he wanted particularly Jack played the ears. "Flinging them on the table they beat four aces or a straight flush, for Jack had a pistol in each hand the next instant. He always took the pot on the play."—Chicago News.

African Prince and Gentleman.
According to the testimony of Sir Samuel Baker, Emin Pasha and Henry M. Stanley, there is one chief in Central Africa who is worthy of the title of gentleman. His name is Anfini and he rules over the region made famous in Rider Haggard's remarkable novel, "She." He is described as a portly, well dressed man of middle age, who is possessed of inborn tact, never asks for presents and is not inquisitive about the private affairs of his guests. Since the Arabs began trading in his country, Anfini has been able to procure many articles of European manufacture.

Dr. Emin says that Anfini is the only negro prince he has met to whom clothing and whatever other civilized appliances have found their way to his country have become indispensable. He dresses in English flannels and is scrupulously clean. He is the only native in the central regions of the dark continent who habitually uses plates and metal spoons at his meals. When Dr. Emin was his guest bananas and other food were passed around on china dishes. His people never presume to appear in public in a nude condition, but all are decently wrapped in skins and bark clothing.—Philadelphia Times.

National Progress of Russia.
The Russians, says an English paper, are moving rapidly on every line that makes for national progress. Scientific exploration is being carried on in many different directions; laboratories and observatories are being founded, and railways opened at a wonderfully rapid rate. There are now 18,500 miles of railways open for traffic in Russia. Of this state owns about one-fifth only. The Russians are independent of foreign nations for coal, iron, oil and mechanical skill, and the foreign element is being eliminated from Russian works, so that the progress of the empire is taking place on a wide basis.—Chicago Herald.

Ladies Who Cannot Swim.
Now, ladies who cannot swim and are afraid of the water, let me advise you not to trust yourselves in small boats of any kind, especially small sailboats, unless in the very best of hands. The first thing you get to do your best to learn swimming, and you will grow into it.—Life.

The Lime Kiln Club.

"In walking softly I can do the path of life as an art in things it would be well to remember," said Brother Gardner at the meeting opened.

"Don't judge of a man's beauty by his whiskers. He may grow 'em to conceal plump an' scars."

"One reason why our children get licked so often is because their parents happen to be so big."

"It is only a fool who goes around looking for a model man. A man without faults would be too good, to stand the climate."

"While consistency should be respected in a general way, don't hesitate to squirm out of any sort of a loophole when argyba' wid a lawyer."

"About the time a man begins to assert that the world owes him a living about the date when he should get his last sentence to state prison."

"When you hear 'our varying day do' no such thing as 'racer' punishment was lighted upon an ole sinner who ar' tryin' to lie to himself."

"You compliment some men altogether too highly to call 'em a hog. I've noticed that no hog gets drunk except by accident."

"While I admit dat George Washington was a great an' good man, I would not, if I was runnin' a corner grocery, trust any odder American on dat account."

"De man who am alius ready to fight fur his convictions will fight on de wrong side at least half de time."

"An egotistical pussion is simply a reflected shun in nature's looking glass."

"Dignity ar' de fence which sartin people build up to keep de world from gittin' ch'us 'nuff to find out how bad dey really am."—Detroit Free Press.

His Daughter, 'o, Well Married.

A German baron, traveling by rail in a first class carriage toward Vienna, had as a fellow traveler at one of the intermediate stations an old gentleman, who entered into conversation and proved very pleasant. The baron got out before his companion, and before he did so asked the latter how far he was going. The gentleman replied to Vienna.

"I have a daughter very well married there," said the baron. "I should like to give you a note of introduction to her."

"I have also a daughter very well married there," said the other.

"Would it be too great a liberty to ask the name?" said the baron.

"My daughter," the gentleman answered, "is married to the emperor of Austria."

"It was the old king of Bavaria,"—Court Journal.

A Woman Named Sherman.

Shortly after the war closed the negro began to call each other "dandy" and "gentle man," but in speaking of the whites they generally called them that "man" and that "woman." An instance occurred a few years ago in which Gen. W. T. Sherman played a part. The general was sitting in front of his house one pleasant evening with some friends, smoking and talking, when a fellow as black as the ace of spades strolled up, addressing the general said: "Is de lady here named Johnson?" "No," said the general. "Well, said the dandy, 'I think there must be a lady of that name living here, because she is my wife, and she is working for a woman named Sherman.'"—Washington Critic.

On a Dairy Farm.

Man of All Work—Old Brindle died last night.

Proprietor—That's a pity. How much milk did she give?

Man—About a gallon.

Proprietor—How many cows have you got now?

Man—Ten. Had I better buy another one?

Proprietor—Of course not. Just put another sucker in the pump.—Washington Critic.

Where There's a Will There's a Way.

Tramp (late at night)—Could you give me shelter for the night?

"Yes, I suppose so. You can sleep on that cot there."

"Well, could you let me have a bite to eat before I retire?"

"Why, it would injure your health to eat before sleeping."

"Then I'll sit up for a while."—Nebraska State Journal.

A Family of Them.

Young Masher (to ballet dancer, behind the scenes)—Who is that divine creature in pink, with wings of a butterfly?

Ballet Dancer—That is my mother, Mr. Masher.

Young Masher—Oh, no! I mean the leonine blonde, nearer the footlights!

Ballet Dancer—That is my grand mother.—The Epoch.

A Parting Souvenir.

Misses—Then you are going?

Cook—I am. I've been in the habit of living with ladies (marked emphasis on the last word).

M. (sarcastically)—Well, if you are going, leave us a lock of your hair.

C.—I have, ma'am. You'll find it in the butter.—Boston Courier.

Given Away.

Mrs. Bonnegard (of Montreal, is originally a toboggan party)—Would you ask that old Brown? I understand he has had quite a checked career in the states.

Mr. Bonnegard (who knows the details)—Not only checked but striped, my dear—Tid Bits.

Stowed Swindlers.

First Conductor—You seem to have truck a streak of bad luck, Bill.

Second Conductor—Man—Why do I?

"You've got on such a miserably cheap set of worn suit of clothes. Don't believe it cost over \$7, did it?"

"No, but these clothes wasn't bought for economy; these clothes mean business."

"Yes, I'm tryin' to pass myself off for a rich Philadelphian."—Omaha World.

True to His Calling.

"If they were both intimate friends of yours why didn't you stop the fight? They nearly killed each other."

"I stop the fight. Why, my friend, I'm a newspaper reporter."—The Epoch.

THE LIME KILN CLUB.

"Will Moses Jumbo Combsack please stop this way?" asked the president, as the meeting opened.

Brother Combsack, who has been a very quiet but deeply interested member of the club for the past few years, advanced to the desk, and another Gardner continued:

"Moses, I am dat you am on de pint a renoovin' to lilinoy."

"Yes, sah."

"You will take your certificate 'long w' you, an' you will keep your membership w'k as just the same; an' any time you kin raise money 'nuff to take a freight train an' cut 'n' an' see you will find a hettie welcome."

"Yes, sah—Laz muck obliged, sah," replied Moses, as he wiped a tear from his eye.

"And now I want to say a few further words to you," resumed the president, as he paused.

"You am gwine to cut loose an' alk in de company of strangers, an' dar am a few things you would do well to remember."

"Remember, dat a lawyer will work harder to clear a murderer dan he will to convict a thief."

"Remember, dat a naybur who offers you de loan of his hoe an' fishin' 'round to secure de loan of your wheelbarrow."

"Remember, dat you can't judge of de home happiness of a man an' wife by seeds 'em at a Sunday skule picnic."

"Remember, dat while de average man will return de k'ect change in a business transaction, he'll water his milk an' salt beans wid his coffee."

"Remember, dat all de negatives of de best photographs am retouched, an' de wrinkles an' freckles work out."

"Remember, dat society am made up of good clothes, hungry stomachs, deception, heartaches and bad grammar."

"Remember, dat people will never stop to question de truth of any rumor or any scandal affectin' your ch'ar-ter, but it takes years to satisfy 'em dat your great grandfadder wasn't a pirate an' your great grandmudder de leech in gal in a fifteen-cent ballet. You can now set down an' close yer eyes an' reflect an' digest, an' de rest of us will purposed to carry out de usual programme de meetin'."

"disparis" to your various homes," said the president, as he sounded his notes of warning. "Remember dat civility am de grouse which keeps de wheels of society from stickin' fast to de axletrees. An obligin' disposition may keep your washbasin an' flannels floatin' aroun' de nayborhood 'leben months in de y'ar, but de same reason will bring in chicken broth an' kind words in case you have a run of billions fever. Somebody wake up Elder Toots an' let us go k'earfully down stairs."—Detroit Free Press.

Unprincipled Gen. H. Mason.

When Gen. Sam Houston was governor of Texas he was very active in a persistent manner in causing the prosecution of a defaulting officer—so much so indeed that the friends of the accused raised the cry of persecution. The governor, speaking of this to a company of gentlemen, hoveled the idea that he was prejudiced against the defaulter, declared that he had no other motive than the enforcement of the laws, and said that he should probably have the opportunity of convincing the public that he had no feeling of personal animosity against the man. "There never allow such an act to be so overwhelming evidence against him will find a true bill of indictment," said the general, "and no petit jury in the world can fail to convict the criminal on such evidence. Then, when found guilty and sentenced, he will change his tune and he and his sympathizing friends for him will appeal to me for executive clemency. Then will be my time to show that I have no prejudice. 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